

Harlowton City Council Minutes
January 27, 2015
Harlowton Public Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held January 27, 2015 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

New guidelines for snow removal were presented by Ian Reed, City Superintendent. The changes should improve the timeliness and efficiency of snow removal. John Anderson made the motion to accept these new guidelines. Ron Teig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeff Sell announced the resignation of Jayme Colby as city clerk. Joe Brouillette made the motion to accept her resignation while Ron Teig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Swearing in of the new city clerk, Kathie Newland was performed by Mayor Jeff Sell. He then went into discussion about changing the hours that city hall is open to the public and asked the council members to consider the changes. No action was taken on changing city hall hours.

Mayor Jeff Sell then swore in the government review committee. The committee consists of Frank Hutton, Billeta (Swallow) Mainwaring, and Beth Keating. Councilman Robert Jones is the liaison to the government review committee. Debbie Davis will perform secretarial duties for the committee. Their first meeting will be held on February 16, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Harlowton Public Library conference room. Discussion ensued regarding the history of government review in the city of Harlowton.

Mayor Sell updated the council on a few ongoing project:

- The sidewalk project that will run from the Harlowton High School toward highway 191. Advertisements for bid on the project will be in the local paper on January 29, February 5, and February 12. The pre-bid meeting will be held on February 10 with bids opening on February 24, 2015.
- Bids have been let for the state highway sidewalk project. The architects' estimates were low and few bids came in so Mayor Sell was unsure if the project would be completed this year or not. The hope was that if the state highway project was being worked on that the City's sidewalk project bids could be lower due to less mobilization fees from the contractors.
- Bob Church of Great West Engineering facilitated a public meeting on the city's needs assessment.
- Mayor Sell has made multiple trips to Helena to testify on various projects including the City's phase 3 RRGL grant administered by the DNRC and regional water projects (HB 180).

City Superintendent, Ian Reed reported that the city crew had been performing equipment maintenance and preparing for the DEQ lagoon inspection. Discussion was held regarding the improved speed in getting the streets cleared of snow. Thanks were given to the city crew for the efficient job in clearing our streets during recent snow falls. Ian commented that the new bobcat and snow blowing equipment was working well.

Mayor Sell reported that he would not be available for the next regularly scheduled city council meeting and requested that meeting dates be changed. The next Harlowton City Council meeting will be on February 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Harlowton Public Library conference room. There will also be a work session on codification of the city's ordinance on February 24, 2015.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19461-19485 were for the December bills, checks #19497-19539 were for the first part of January, checks #19540-19552 were for present meeting. Robert Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members Present:

Ron Teig
Joe Brouillette
Bob Jones
John Anderson

City Employees Present:

Ian Reed
Debbie Davis

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk